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SUBJECT: PER - NRCS SMOKING POLICY

<u>Purpose</u>. To remind employees of the NRCS smoking policy.

Expiration Date. September 30, 2006.

All NRCS facilities shall be free of tobacco products, therefore, smoking is prohibited in all NRCS-occupied buildings and vehicles. This applies to all areas in the workplace and includes space which is leased from GSA, leased by NRCS, or space subleased to NRCS.

Smoking is also prohibited in government vehicles; private vehicles on official business when occupied by more than one person; and rental vehicles on official business when occupied by more than one person.

Discretion should be used for parties engaging in outdoor smoking. The State Office has a small supply of non-smoking signs available for posting, if needed. NRCS also supports a Smoking Cessation Program.

NRCS National smoking policy is contained in GM360, Part 420, 250.

If you have questions concerning this policy or the smoking cessation program, contact Laurie Otte, State Safety and Health Officer.

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